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1. WE PROVIDED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO DUFLOU, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, BELGIAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, ON NOV 13. DUFLOU WAS PLEASED THAT THE USG IS KEEPING OTHER GOVERNMENTS INFORMED OF OUR POLICY. HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE OPINION THAT THE EXPORT MONITORING SYSTEM IS A GOOD IDEA AND WILL BRING US PRACTICE INTO CLOSER LINE WITH THAT OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. BELGIAN FIRMS MUST REPORT THEIR INTERNATIONAL COAL TRANSACTIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRICES. THE INFORMATION IS TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL BY THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT IT IS USEFUL IN DEVELOPING POLICY.

2. DUFLOU SAID THE US COAL STRIKE WOULD COST BELGIUM AT LEAST ONE MONTH'S COAL IMPORTS IN 1974, EVEN IF THE STRIKE LASTS NO MORE THAN TWO WEEKS. IT THUS ADDS ANOTHER PROBLEM TO WHAT HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT YEAR FOR BELGIAN COAL IMPORTERS. THEY HAVE SEEN THE PRICE OF COKING COAL NEARLY TREBLE SINCE JANUARY, FROM DOLS 32 TO DOLS 90 PER TON. IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF SUPPLY SHORTAGES, BELGIAN IMPORTERS HAVE BEEN

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BIDDING FOR COKING COAL AGAINST IMPORTERS FROM DISTANT

REGIONS WHO ARE UNABLE TO SATISFY THEIR NEEDS FROM THEIR
TRADITIONAL SUPPLIERS. FIRESTONE

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